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TO: All Interested Parties

Public Workshop To Discuss Updates For The Carl Moyer Program Guidelines

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) is a grant program that funds the incremental cost of cleaner than required vehicles and equipment. This includes cleaner on-road, off-road, marine, locomotive and stationary agricultural pump engines, as well as forklifts, airport ground support equipment, and auxiliary power units. The program provides near-term reductions in emissions of oxides of nitrogen, which are necessary for California to meet its clean air commitments under the State Implementation Plan. These reductions are also important for local air districts to meet commitments in their conformity plans, thus preventing the loss of federal highway dollars for local areas throughout California. The program also reduces particulate matter which is a component of diesel exhaust that has been identified by the Air Resources Board (ARB) as a toxic air contaminant.

Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act, was passed by the voters in spring, 2002. This measure allocates \$50,000,000 to the ARB for distribution to air districts for projects that "affect air quality in state and local parks and recreation areas" in accordance with the Carl Moyer guidelines. Of these funds, \$25 million has been allocated to ARB for the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

ARB staff will be conducting a public workshop as noted below to discuss updates to the Carl Moyer Program guidelines and to discuss specific issues associated with the integration of Proposition 40 funds into the Carl Moyer Program. The discussion will include funding issues, calculations and methodology, and potential new applications.

Assembly Bill 425 directs that 20 percent of the Proposition 40 funds made available to ARB shall be allocated for the acquisition of "clean, safe, school buses for use in California's public schools that serve pupils in kindergarten and grades one to twelve, inclusive." This appropriation provides \$4,920,000 this fiscal year for the purchase of new, lower-emitting school buses (45-50) statewide.

This workshop will also include a discussion of the current ARB guidelines for the purchase of new school buses, and how the current guidelines need to change as a result of new emission standards and legal requirements now in effect. This workshop

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will also be an opportunity to suggest other changes to the new bus purchase program guidelines to strengthen the program and to better fit the goals of Proposition 40.

DATE: December 13, 2002
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: California Air Resources Board
Monitoring and Laboratory Division
Conference Meeting Rooms
1927 13th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact Mr. Chuck Bennett, Carl Moyer Program Staff Lead, at (916) 322-2321 by November 29, 2002. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

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Sincerely,

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Attachment ([Workshop Agenda](#))